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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ADDRESSING ISSUES OF THE TENNESSEE RELAY SERVICES

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IN RE: Technical Workshop to discuss policy options for the Rulemaking to establish regulations and a funding mechanism for the Tennessee Relay Services

DATE: September 19, 2005

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority will hold a workshop on **Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.** for the purpose of discussing policy options for establishing a competitively-neutral funding mechanism and any other regulations needed for the operation of the Tennessee Relay Services, including CAPTEL services (hereafter referred to as TRS). This workshop will explore the following subjects

1. What companies should participate in funding the TRS (i.e. ILECs, CLECs, IXC's, wireless providers, VoIP providers, others)?
2. How should the funding mechanism be designed in order to achieve the goal of competitive neutrality? Should it be based on gross receipts, number of access lines, number of assigned telephone numbers, or another methodology?
3. How should the contribution to the TRS be recovered by contributors? Is the recovery methodology from end-users outlined in T.C.A. § 65-21-115(e) applicable for this situation?
4. Who should administer the TRS Fund?
5. When should the new funding mechanism begin?
6. What other regulations are needed to govern the operations of the TRS?

The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the Hearing Room on the Ground Floor at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Any person with questions regarding this Notice may contact Eddie Roberson by email at Eddie.Roberson@state.tn.us or by phone at (615) 741-2904, ext. 158

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